REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 7 has been amended. The term "friction causing" can be derived from sections [0013] and [0014] of the published application, as well as the "embedded" language.

The rejection of claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Kranser U.S. Patent No. 4,419,436 in view of Krinski et al U. S. Patent No. 4,437,893 is respectfully traversed. Krinski et al. does not support the Examiner's position. They describe a silicate containing adhesive composition, where the silicate is an aqueous solution of an alkali metal silicate, see col. 2, line 46 to 52. Soluble alkali metal silicate also is known as water glass or liquid glass and is a powerful adhesive in itself. However, water glass would not be suitable as an adhesive for the identity cards of the invention and is also not a material that has friction increasing properties in conventional adhesives. Insofar, the combination of Kranser and Krinski et al., Krinski et al does not teach the invention nor does it render the invention obvious.

For the sake of completeness, submitted with the enclosed IDS are copies of patent references filed in an opposition against the parallel European patent, namely: EP 0 348 349 A2, DE 20 60 734, and DE 196 31 283 A1. Although referring to identity cards, there is no disclosure whatsoever of friction increasing additives to adhesive layers or coatings.

No issues remaining, applicants respectfully solicit a Notice of Allowance.

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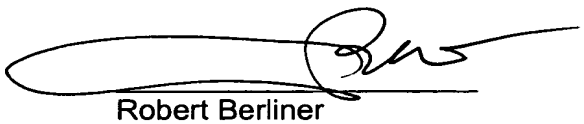
Respectfully submitted,



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